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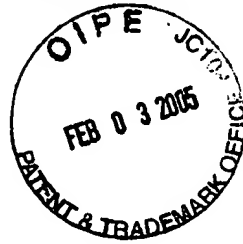
In re the Application of:

Koichi Nishimura et al

Serial No.: 09/869,335

Filed: December 30, 2001

For: CROSSLINKABLE RUBBER COMPOSITION



Group Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Irina Sophia Zemel

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 3, 2005

Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejection contained in the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, in the above-identified application in view of the following detailed comments is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,699,936 to Nishimura et al in view of the Polymer Technology Dictionary and U.S. Patent No. 6,500,884 to Tsujimura et al. In making this rejection, it was asserted that, although the claims of the subject application and the patent are not identical, they are obvious over the other and thus are not patentably distinct. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the following comments and attached Terminal Disclaimer is respectfully requested.

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Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer of the subject application relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,699,936 to Nishimura et al. It is therefore submitted that the subject rejection has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting and allowance of claims 1 through 11 over the cited publications are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication contained in the Office Action that claims 1-11 are allowable over the art of record.

Additionally, it was mentioned that the submission of the International Search Report (ISR) as was done in the subject application is not a proper Information Disclosure Statement and, unless listed on the PTO Form 892, the references cited therein have not been considered. It was noted that the ISR and references were provided to the Office, but they were not listed on form PTO-892. Accompanying this response is an Information Disclosure Statement listing the references from the ISR.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

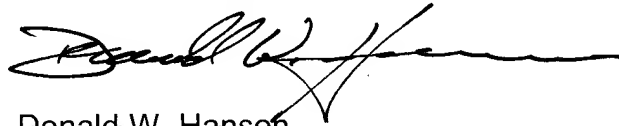
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Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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